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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants have carefully considered the Office Action mailed September 4, 2001 in connection with the above-captioned application. Reconsideration of the Claims in light of the amendments, new added Claims, and remarks that follow is kindly solicited. Accompanying this amendment is a petition for Extension of Time extending the period for response by three months, up to and including March 4, 2002.